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1. GUYANESE ORGANIZATIONS AND POLITICAL PARTIES RESPONDED TO PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM'S MONDAY EVENING RADIO BROADCAST (REF A) BY GENERALLY SUPPORTING CALL FOR PEACE AND END TO VIOLENCE. BUSINESS, LABOR, AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT OF GEORGETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, GENERAL SECRETARY OF TRADES UNION COUNCIL, AND A CATHOLIC BISHOP, ISSUED STATEMENTS TO PRESS URGING CITIZENS TO KEEP PEACE.

2. POLITICAL PARTIES OPPOSING RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS IN JULY 16 ELECTION ALSO CALLED FOR RESTRAINT BUT WERE GUARDED IN APPROVAL OF BURNHAM SPEECH. LLEWELYN JOHN, LEADER OF SMALL PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT, CONDEMNED ALL VIOLENCE AND ASKED PM TO MAKE CLEAR TO OWN SUPPORTERS NEED TO REFRAIN FROM VIOLENCE. LIBERATOR PARTY CHAIRMAN DR. MAKEPEACE RICHMOND REGRETTED THAT WARNINGS ISSUED BY HIS PARTY

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ON DANGERS OF VIOLENCE HAD NOT BEEN HEEDDED. PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY PAPER, MIRROR, CALLED FOR ALL GROUPS TO AVOID VIOLENCE AND RACIAL CONFLICT, BUT PAPER GAVE INFLAMMATORY ACCOUNT OF INCIDENTS OF SUNDAY NIGHT (REFTEL B). MIRROR ALLEGED POLICE HAD ACTED ONLY AGAINST PPP ACTIVITIS AND HAD MANHANDLED AND MOLESTED YOUNG INDIAN GIRLS IN BED.

3. INCREASED SECURITY AND POLICE FORCES PATROLLING EAST COAST ROAD AREA WHERE PREVIOUS VIOLENCE OCCURED. NO FURTHER INSTANCES OF RACIAL CONFLICT HAVE BEEN REPORTED AND FLOOD OF RUMORS HAS PARTIALLY SUBSIDED. KING

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